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ROCKET ENGINE TEST FACILITY, GORNAYA BITIYA
OMSK, USSR

1. [] FIRST REVEALED THIS FACILITY. THE SHADOW OF A TEST STAND UNDER CONSTRUCTION WAS VISIBLE. SEVERAL ADDITIONAL BUILDINGS WERE VISIBLE IN THE TEST FACILITY AREA. THE CONTROL BUNKER AND ONE OTHER BUILDING WERE UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN THE OPERATIONAL SUPPORT AREA. A POSSIBLE HEATING PLANT WAS VISIBLE, AND TWO RAIL SPURS APPEARED TO BE COMPLETED.
2. REANALYSIS OF [] REVEALED THAT THE TEST FACILITY AREA WAS VISIBLE ON FAR OBLIQUE TRACKER PHOTOGRAPHY. THE TEST SITE ITSELF WAS NOT VISIBLE: BUT A ROAD EXTENDING NORTH FROM OMSK, PAST THE SITE, WAS BEING IMPROVED.
3. REANALYSIS OF [] REVEALED THAT THE EXCAVATION FOR TEST STAND NO 1, THE CHECKOUT AND ASSEMBLY BUILDING AND TWELVE SUPPORT BUILDINGS WERE VISIBLE. TWO RAIL SPURS INTO THE SITE WERE UNDER CONSTRUCTION.
4. SIXTEEN SUBSEQUENT KH MISSIONS BETWEEN MAY 62 AND SEP 64 REVEALED THAT THE FIRST TEST STAND AND THE OPERATIONAL SUPPORT AREA APPEARED COMPLETE BY AUG 62, AND THAT A SECOND TEST STAND (ON WHICH CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY WAS STARTED IN LATE 62), WAS APPROXIMATELY HALF

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COMPLETED BY SEP 64 AND APPEARED TO BE SIMILAR TO TEST STAND
NO 1 AT THE KURAMOCH ROCKET ENGINE TEST FACILITY.

5. BLAST SCARS INDICATING TEST ACTIVITY WERE OBSERVED ON JUN 63
PHOTOGRAPHY IN THE VEGETATION AND ON FEB 64 PHOTOGRAPHY IN THE
SNOW. ANALYSIS OF LOCAL WEATHER DATA REVEALED THAT THE LAST
SNOW FALL PRIOR TO [REDACTED] COVERAGE WAS ON [REDACTED]
6. THIS MISSION REVEALS THAT A LARGE BLAST MARK IS VISIBLE IN THE
SNOW AT THE COMPLETED TEST STAND. TRACK ACTIVITY IN THE SNOW
INDICATES THAT CONSTRUCTION IS CONTINUING AT THE SECOND TEST
STAND. THE HEATING PLANT IS OBSERVED TO BE EMITTING STEAM.

(COMPARISON BOARD H-8091)

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